

Jas. Chalmers.

I, James Chalmers, of Salem, Virginia, do make this, my last will and testament, as follows:-

Item 1. I direct that all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as can be conveniently done.

Item 2. I give to my wife, Alice Chalmers, for and during her life, my house and lot on High Street, in Salem, Va., in which I now reside. I give and bequeath to my wife, to be hers absolutely, all my household and kitchen furniture, (except my glass covered clock and large silver table cester), my carriage, horse and cattle, and such of my books as she may desire and select from my library. As I, in March, 1894, gave and assigned to my wife various stocks and bonds of the estimated value of twenty thousand and five hundred (\$20500.00) dollars, I make no further provision for her in this my will.

Item 3. I give and devise to my daughter, Mrs Mary C. Ferguson, my glass covered clock and my large silver table cester; and to my son Frank H. Chalmers my gold headed cane and my five volumes of Minutes of the Baltimore Conference.

Item 4. I give and devise to the Trustees of Roanoke College all of my books except such as I have hereinbefore given to my wife and the five volumes to my son Frank H. Chalmers.

Item 5. I direct my executors, hereinafter named, as soon as practicable after my death, to sell all of my real estate, wherever situate, on such terms and in such manner as they may deem best, and to this end full power is given them to sell the same and to make conveyance of title thereof to the purchaser or purchasers thereof. But my residence property on High Street, in Salem, which ^{by} (Item 2) I have given to my wife, for and during her life, is not to be sold by my executors until after her death.

Item 6. The residue of my estate, including the proceeds of sale of my real estate, after the payment of my debts and the expense of settling up my estate, is to be divided into three equal parts by my said executors; one of which parts I give and bequeath to my daughter Mrs Mary C. Ferguson, one to my son Frank H. Chalmers, and the other to the children of my deceased son William Chalmers.

Item 7. To my daughter, Mrs Mary C. Ferguson is indebted to me in the sum of Three thousand dollars, for which she has executed to me her note,

which note, endorsed by myself, was discounted and is now held by The Farmers National Bank of Salem. I direct my executors to take up said note as any renewal thereof, if not paid by Mrs Ferguson, with any funds of my estate that may be in their hands, and they are directed to deduct the amount they shall pay said bank on said note, less any interest thereon, from the portion of my estate that is given to my said daughter by item 6th of this my will.

Item 8. I do appoint my wife, Alice Chalmers, executrix, and Frank H. Chalmers and T. C. Hansbrough Executors of this my last will and Testament, and I request that no security shall be required of either of them for the faithful execution thereof.

Item 9. I hereby revoke all other and former wills and codicils by me at any time heretofore made.

Witness my hand, which I have set to this my will this the 12 day of March 1897.

James Chalmers.

Signed, published and declared by James Chalmers, as and for his last will, in the presence of us, who in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of one another, have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses.

J. H. Duncan
W. H. Ruthrauff

I, the within named James Chalmers, do make this present codicil to the within will of date March 12, 1897, which is to be taken as a part thereof. I do hereby declare that the provision I have made for my wife, Alice Chalmers, in item 2^d of my said will, shall be in lieu of her dower and distributive share in my estate. In witness whereof I have hereto affixed my hand and seal this 9 March 1898.

James Chalmers *[Seal]*

At a County Court continued and held for Roanoke County, the 21st day of February, 1899.

The last will and Testament of James Chalmers, deceased, bearing date as of March 12th, 1897, and Codicil, thereto annexed, bearing date as of March 9th, 1898, were this day produced in Court, and the said will proved according to law, by the oaths of W. H. Ruthrauff and J. H. Duncan, subscribing witnesses thereto; and the said W. H. Ruthrauff & J. H. Duncan, having been sworn, deposed that they are

well acquainted with the testator's hand writing and
verily believe the said Codicil and the name of the
testator, Thereto subscribed, to be wholly written by the
testator's own hand. Whereupon, the said Will and un-
repealed codicil are ordered to be recorded as the true
last Will & Testament of the said James Chalmers, decas-
ed.

And Mrs Alice Chalmers, Executrix, and L. C. Hans-
brough, one of the Executors, named in said will,
having refused to take upon themselves the burden
of the execution thereof, on motion of F. H. Chalmers,
the other Executor named in said will, who made
oath thereto, entered into and acknowledged a bond
in the penalty of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) (no
security being required by the will), conditioned as
the law directs, certificate is granted him for obtain-
ing a probate of said will in due form.

A copy from the records of Court -

Teste:

Whipple, Clark.

10. A. Francis In the name of God Amen I John A Francis being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament - I devise to my loved wife all of my property both real and personal to be held by her during her natural life and her death to be divided equally among my children living at her death. Should any die previous to the death of my wife leaving issue of the body, such issue shall receive the share or shares of such who may have died. I desire that my son William A Francis have in ^{his} ~~the~~ share of my estate one hundred & fifty dollars more than any other child.

I appoint my son William A Francis Executor of this
my will and desire that he be permitted to qualify
without security.

Witness my hand & seal this the 26th day of July
1899

Witness

R N Logan & S Minichan

Geo A Francis 

At a County Court continued and held for Roanoke County, February 27th, 1899.⁴
The Last Will and Testament of John A. Francis, deceased, was this day produced in Court, and proved according to law, by the oath of R. H. Hogan, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and thereupon the said will is ordered to be recorded, as the true last will and Testament of John A. Francis, deceased.

A copy from the records of Court.

Test: Whipping, back.